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1. SUMMARY: IN DEC 17 BONN GROUP FRG REP (LUECKING) CONFIRMED DEC 16 FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN BOELLING'S STATEMENT THAT ON THE 16TH BONN GAVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO GDR PROPOSALS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS CONTAINED IN DEC 9 COMMUNICATION (SEE REFTEL C). FRG PERM REP GAUS MET WITH GDR DEPUTY FON MIN NIER MORNING OF DEC 16 IN EAST BERLIN TO CONVEY BONN'S READINESS AND ALSO TOLD HIM THAT, WITH REFERENCE TO GDR'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO TALKS ON COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH WEST GERMAN PRIVATE FIRMS, FRG WELCOMES ANY PROGRESS IN
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ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GERMANY'S. IN

ANNOUNCING THE GAUS-NIER MEETING, BOELLING INDICATED FRG READINESS TO BEGIN TALKS BASED ON FACTS THAT PENSIONERS WOULD BE EXEMPTED (EFFECTIVE DEC 20) FROM GDR COMPULSORY CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS AND THAT FRG AND WEST BERLIN VISITORS TO THE GDR WOULD SOON HAVE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO USE THEIR PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR SUCH VISITS.

2. LUECKING SAID THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS TAKEN A "BASIC POLITICAL DECISION" TO MOVE AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROJECTS RAISED BY THE GDR. AN INTER-MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF INNER GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER FRANKE HAS BEEN CREATED AND GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY TO RECOMMEND COURSE OF ACTION TO THE CHANCELLOR AND CABINET, WITH FIRST EMPHASIS TO BE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES OF ITEMS LISTED FOR NEGOTIATIONS. AT WORKING GROUP'S FIRST MEETING, ON DEC 16, FRANKE TOLD MEMBERS (WHICH INCLUDE GAUS, SENAT PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE, AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL AS FOREIGN OFFICE SENIOR REP) THAT A "NEW WIND" WAS BLOWING IN FRG-GDR RELATIONS, AND THAT THESE "DYNAMIC" FACTORS MUST NOT BE UNDERMINED BY THE BUREAUCRACY. LUECKING (WHO IS A FON OFF REP IN WORKING GROUP) SAID THAT BONN'S MAN FOR "INTER-ZONAL TRADE" KLEINDIENST HAS ALREADY GIVEN EAST BERLIN AN ANSWER TO GDR ENERGY PROPOSAL FOR BERLIN: FRG NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS SO LONG AS NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW ON ENERGY (NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND PROVISION OF POWER FROM PLANT FOR BERLIN) ARE NOT CONCLUDED.

3. LUECKING SAID WORKING GROUP HAS REQUESTED ALLIED VIEWS ON TWO SPECIFIC POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH FRG/GDR TALKS:

- A) HOW BEST CAN ANY NEW TRANSIT FACILITIES BE COVERED BY QA AND TTA; AND
- B) WHO WOULD ALLIES PREFER TO HAVE GDR DEAL WITH ON TELTOW CANAL, SENAT OR BONN.

LUECKING SAID RE A THAT HE AND VAN WELL VERY STRONGLY OF VIEW THAT QUESTION NOT LEGAL BUT POLITICAL AND THE POSITION, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ANY NEW AUTOBAHN WILL FALL UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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QA AND TTA MUST BE VERY CLEARLY PUT TO GDR AT OPENING OF TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS. ON B, LUECKING SAID SENAT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ALLIES IN BERLIN, AND THAT GENERAL FRG FEELING IS THAT SENAT COULD DEAL WITH GDR ON TELTOW CANAL.

4. COMMENT: ON SPECIFIC TWO POINTS RAISED BY LUECKING, INITIAL ALLIED VIEW HERE IS (A) THERE IS NO LEGAL REASON

WHY NEW TRANSIT FACILITIES SHOULD NOT BE COVERED BY QA
AND TTA (WE ARE RESEARCHING QA NEGOTIATING HISTORY IN
EFFORT TO FIRMLY NAIL THIS DOWN); (B) ON TELTOW CANAL,
LOGICAL INTERLOCUTORS SEEM TO BE THE SENAT AND GDR--
SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO NORMAL ALLIED CONTROL PROCEDURES.
ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT USBER AGREES, WE WILL TAKE THIS
POSITION WITH FRG.
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